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ELECTROLYTE, NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE
BATTERY, AND ELECTRICAL DOUBLE-LAYER
CAPACITOR

INTERVIEW SUMMARY LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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July 28, 2004

Sir:

This Letter is to make of record the details of three recent telephone conversations between Examiner Chaney and Applicants' Representative, Mr. Garth Dahlen. The three telephone conversations were made on June 30, 2004, July 19, 2004 and July 27, 2004. All of the telephone conversations were centered around the history of prosecution from March 19, 2004 to date.

We now provide details of this prosecution history.

1) On December 19, 2003, the Examiner issued an Office Action.

2) On March 19, 2004, Applicants timely filed an Amendment with the U.S.P.T.O. in response to the December 19, 2003 Office Action.

3) On May 27, 2004, Examiner Carol Chaney issued an Office Action indicating that the March 19, 2004 Amendment was considered non-responsive, in view of the fact that claims 13-17 were not correctly identified as being "withdrawn" from consideration.

4) On June 4, 2004, Applicants modified the March 19, 2004 Amendment to indicate that claims 13-17 have been "withdrawn" and filed the modified amendment.

5) However, on June 24, 2004, the Patent Office issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicating that claims 18-22 in the June 4, 2004 modified amendment have the wrong status identifier. In this Notice, there was no mention made of the proper identifier for claims 18-22.

6) During a telephone conversation with Examiner Chaney on June 30, 2004, Examiner Chaney indicated that: A) Applicants' June 4, 2004 modified amendment correctly identified claims 18-22; B) the June 4, 2004 modified amendment would be entered and considered by the Examiner; and C) the June 24, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment would be withdrawn.

7) On July 19, 2004, Applicants' Representative searched the PTO PAIR Website to find that no change had been made to the status of the June 4, 2004 modified amendment as indicated by the

Examiner. Accordingly, a telephone call was made to the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that she would take action to ensure that the steps mentioned in the June 30, 2004 telephone conversation would be made.

8) On July 27, 2004, Applicants' Representative searched the PTO PAIR Website to find that still no change had been made to the status of the June 4, 2004 modified amendment as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, a telephone call was made to the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that she would take action to ensure that the steps mentioned in the June 30, 2004 telephone conversation would be made.

9) Applicants now request in writing that the Examiner enters and considers the June 4, 2004 modified amendment and withdraws the June 24, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

In the event this written communication reaches the Examiner after the PAIR System has been modified, Applicants thank the Examiner for the efforts taken in correcting the situation.

As described above, the Examiner agrees that the June 24, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed in error. Accordingly, the time limit for responding to the June 24, 2004 Notice is moot. As such, **NO FEES ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY OF THIS LETTER INTO THE OFFICIAL RECORD.**


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully

requested to contact **Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq.** (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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